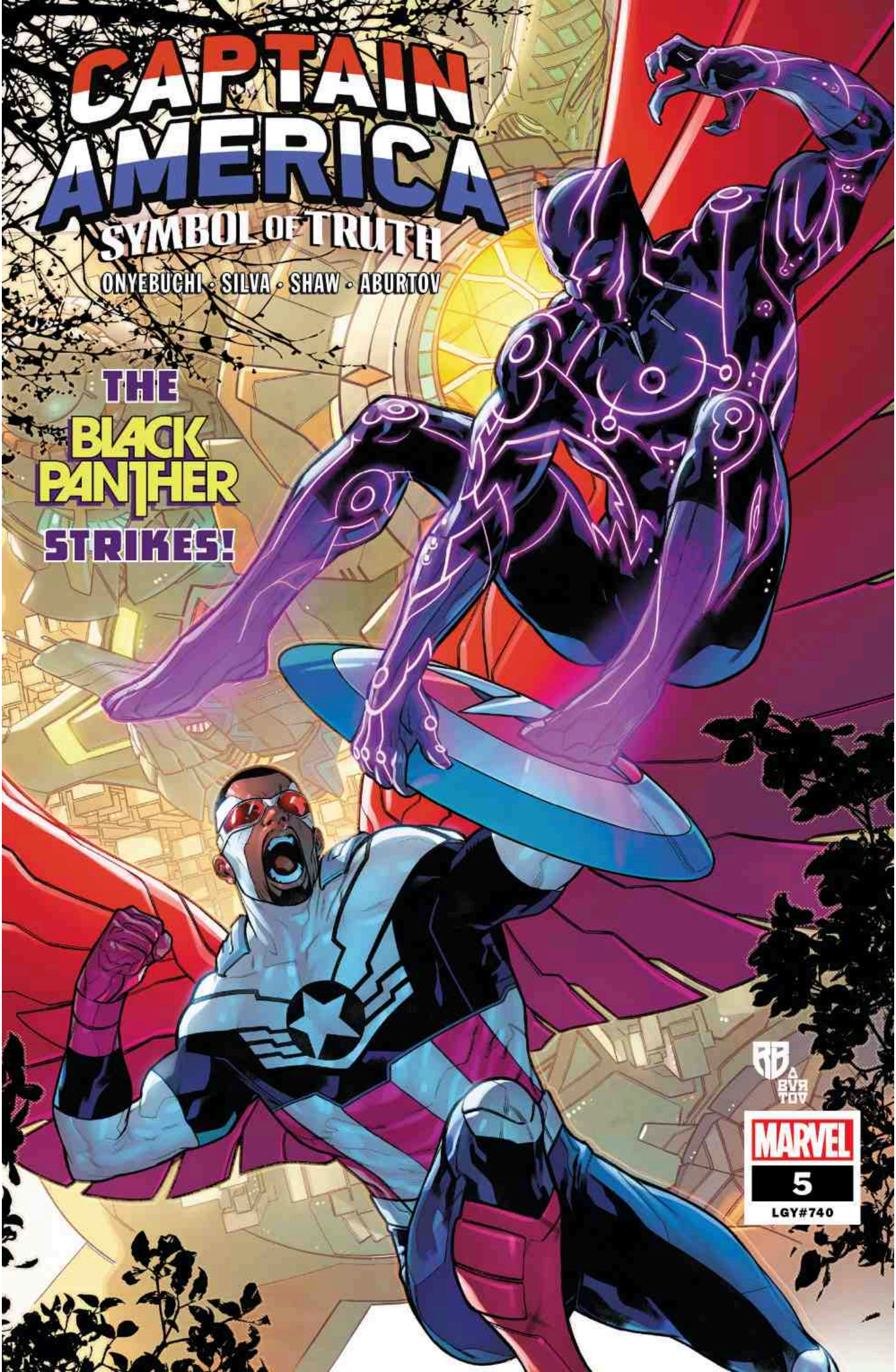
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WAKANDA.
LEAVE NOW, SAM WILSON.
NOT WITHOUT WHAT I CAME FOR, T'CHALLA.
I DON'T KNOW HOW MUCH YOU HEARD, BUT WAKANDA'S UNDER IMMINENT THREAT OF A TERRORIST ATTACK.
IF IT IS HAPPENING IN WAKANDA, THEN IT IS NONE OF YOUR BUSINESS.
THAT'S JUST IT, T'CHALLA. IT AIN'T ABOUT YOU. CROSSBONES HARMED AMERICANS TOO. AND HE'S GONNA PAY FOR IT. IN AMERICA.
I WON'T SAY IT AGAIN.

LEAVE WAKANDA!
HOMELAND
PART 5.

Once a social worker from Harlem, Sam Wilson's life changed forever when he gained high-tech wings and the ability to communicate with birds. It changed again when he inherited the mantle of Captain America from Steve Rogers. Though he turned away from the shield for a time to find his own path, now he's fighting the good fight once again as...

CAPTAIN AMERICA

SYMBOL OF TRUTH

After the Wakandan government rejected a partnership with Captain America to uncover a vibranium smuggling ring, Sam Wilson joined the growing social movement, Wakandan Forever, to infiltrate Wakanda disguised as a disillusioned American emigrant. Upon his arrival in Wakanda, he was ambushed by Crossbones--who revealed White Wolf's plan to commit a bioterrorism attack on Wakandan soil using vibranium as a trigger. Their fight was interrupted--and ended--by Black Panther. Meanwhile, Falcon was rescued by the women White Wolf had been testing his bioweapon on and helped them escape the testing facility.

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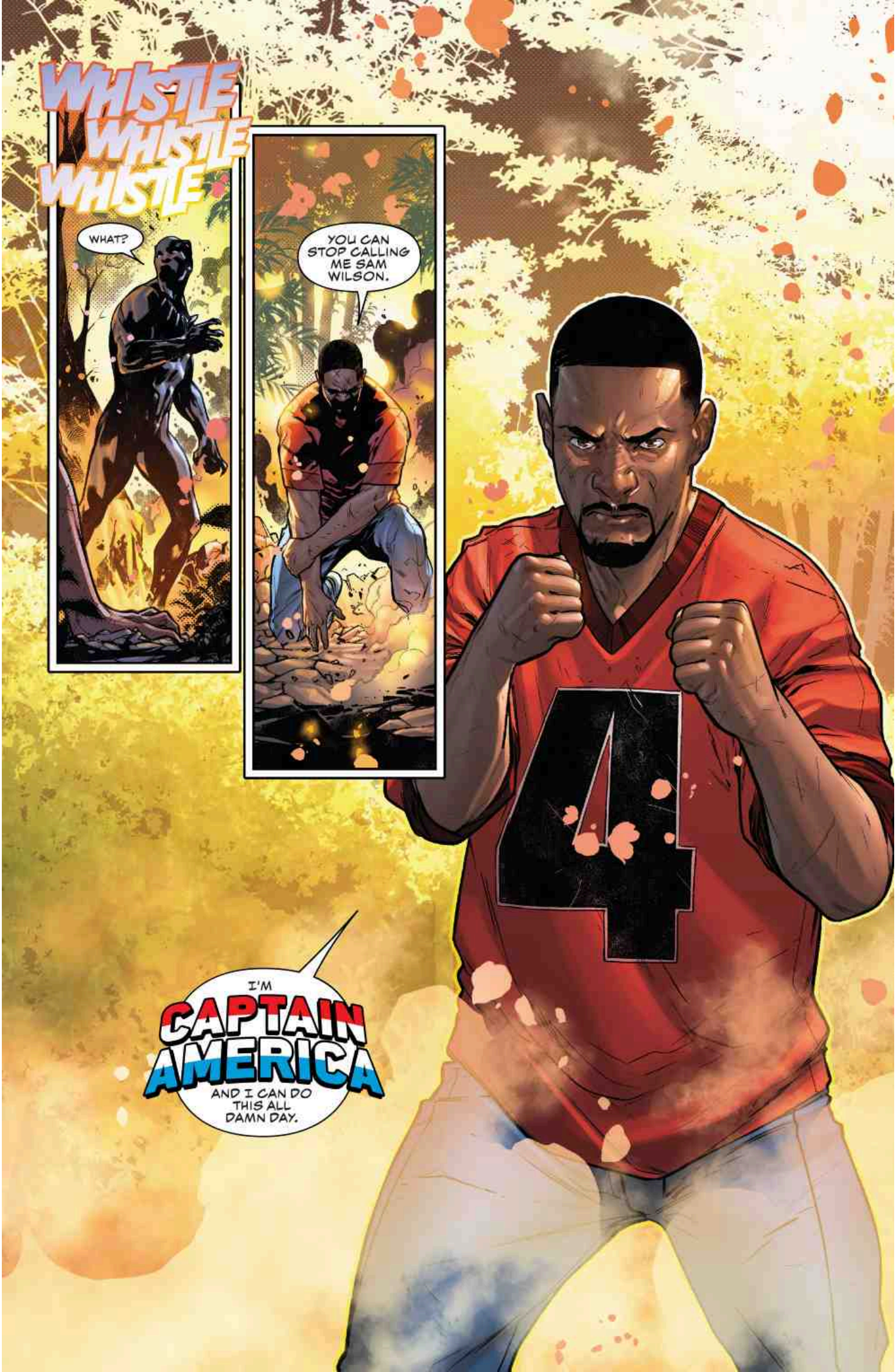
YOU SEE WHAT HAPPENED TO THE LAST GUY WHO CAME AT ME TODAY?
YOU TWO CAN LIE IN NEIGHBORING HOSPITAL BEDS--
RICKY!
--ATTENDED TO BY WAKANDA'S BEST DOCTORS.

WANNA TAKE THAT SUIT OFF? MAKE THIS A FAIR FIGHT?
AND WHY WOULD I DO THAT?
KRAK!
THAT'S RIGHT. WHAT ARE YOU WITHOUT YOUR SPECIAL TOOLS?
WHAT'RE YOU WITHOUT YOUR VIBRANIUM, HUH?
YOU'RE JUST ONE OF US.
NO.

I AM T'CHALLA, SON OF T'CHAKA, KING REGENT OF WAKANDA.
I AM THE
BLACK PANTHER


WHISTLE
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WHAT?
YOU CAN STOP CALLING ME SAM WILSON.
I'M CAPTAIN AMERICA AND I CAN DO THIS ALL DAMN DAY.

SKREE
SKREEE
SKRAW
EVERYBODY, ALL THE AVENGERS, ESPECIALLY STEVE, THEY GOT NOTHING BUT RESPECT AND REVERENCE FOR YOU AND WAKANDA.
ALL YOUR ADVANCEMENTS, YOUR MEDICAL SKILLS, YOUR TECHNOLOGY, ALL THOSE GIFTS.
AND WHAT DID YOU DO TO PREVENT WHAT BECAME OUR HISTORY?
KEPT IT ALL TO YOURSELF WHILE EVERYONE AROUND YOU WAS COLONIZED. ENSLAVED. BUTCHERED.
YOUR FATHER WAS A KING, AND MINE WAS KILLED TRYING TO STOP A FIGHT.
YOUR MOTHER'S A QUEEN, AND MINE WAS GUNNED DOWN IN A MUGGING.
'CAUSE YOU GOT THE METEOR AND WE DIDN'T.

HANG TIGHT WHILE I SAVE YOUR COUNTRY AND MINE.
HNNNGH!
SCREEEEEEEEEEEECH
HOW AMERICAN OF YOU. TO THINK YOUR SAD FEELINGS GIVE YOU THE RIGHT TO INVADE THE LANDS OF OTHERS.
PWOK
TO ACT LIKE YOU WOULD'VE DONE ANY DIFFERENT.
CLUNK!
NOT SO FAST.

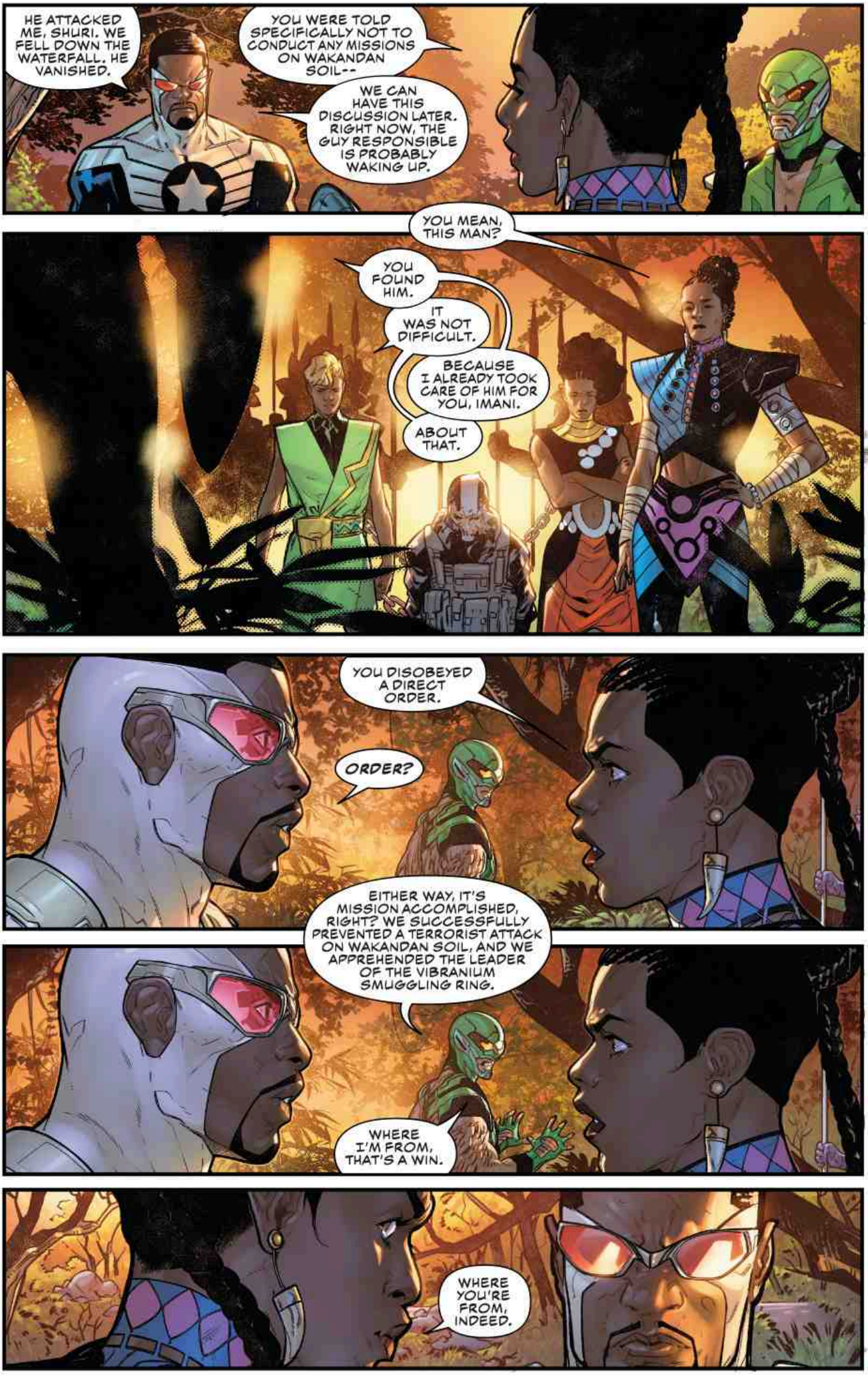
WE GO DOWN, WE'RE GOIN' DOWN TOGETHER.
KRUPP
PWOOK
NO, WE AREN'T.
THIS IS PROBABLY GONNA HURT.
WHAM
GOT HERE AS FAST AS I COULD, CAP. I MISS THE FIREWORKS?

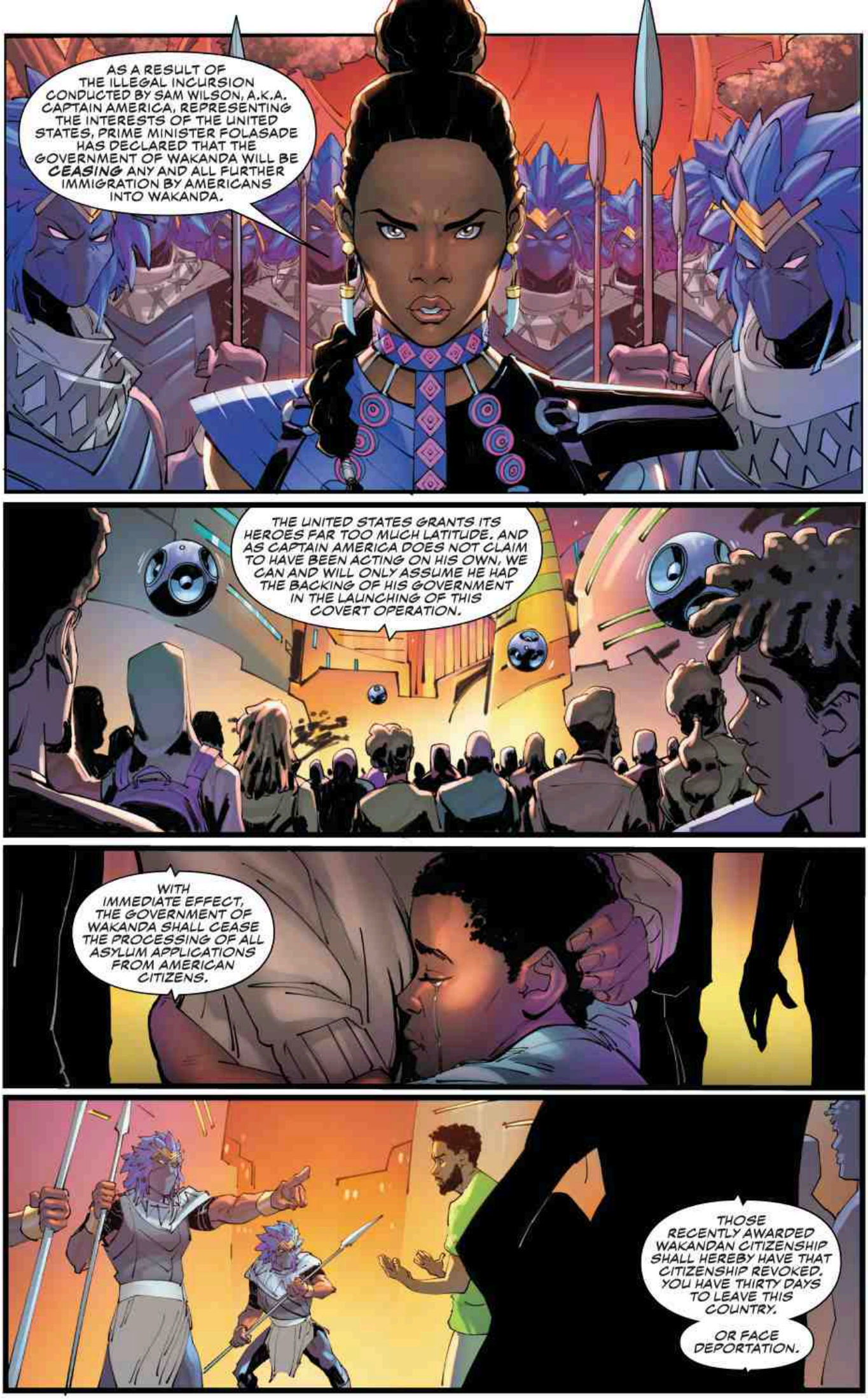
'BONES IS BACK UP THERE. SURPRISINGLY, HE WASN'T THE PROBLEM.
HE WASN'T?
NO. I HAD A PANTHER TO DEAL WITH. ANYWAY, LET'S GO COMPLETE OUR MISSION, FALCON.
HALT.

CAPTAIN AMERICA.
FALCON.
BY MY AUTHORITY AS THE NEW PRIME MINISTER OF WAKANDA, I AM PLACING YOU UNDER ARREST.

SORRY, PRIME MINISTER, I'M IN THE MIDDLE OF STOPPING A TERRORIST ATTACK ON WAKANDAN SOIL. SO IF YOU DON'T MIND--
WHERE'S T'CHALLA?!

WHERE IS MY BROTHER?


HE ATTACKED ME, SHURI. WE FELL DOWN THE WATERFALL. HE VANISHED.
YOU WERE TOLD SPECIFICALLY NOT TO CONDUCT ANY MISSIONS ON WAKANDAN SOIL--
WE CAN HAVE THIS DISCUSSION LATER. RIGHT NOW, THE GUY RESPONSIBLE IS PROBABLY WAKING UP.
YOU MEAN, THIS MAN?
YOU FOUND HIM.
IT WAS NOT DIFFICULT.
BECAUSE I ALREADY TOOK CARE OF HIM FOR YOU, IMANI.
ABOUT THAT.
YOU DISOBEYED A DIRECT ORDER.
ORDER?
EITHER WAY, IT'S MISSION ACCOMPLISHED, RIGHT? WE SUCCESSFULLY PREVENTED A TERRORIST ATTACK ON WAKANDAN SOIL, AND WE APPREHENDED THE LEADER OF THE VIBRANIUM SMUGGLING RING.
WHERE I'M FROM, THAT'S A WIN.
WHERE YOU'RE FROM, INDEED.

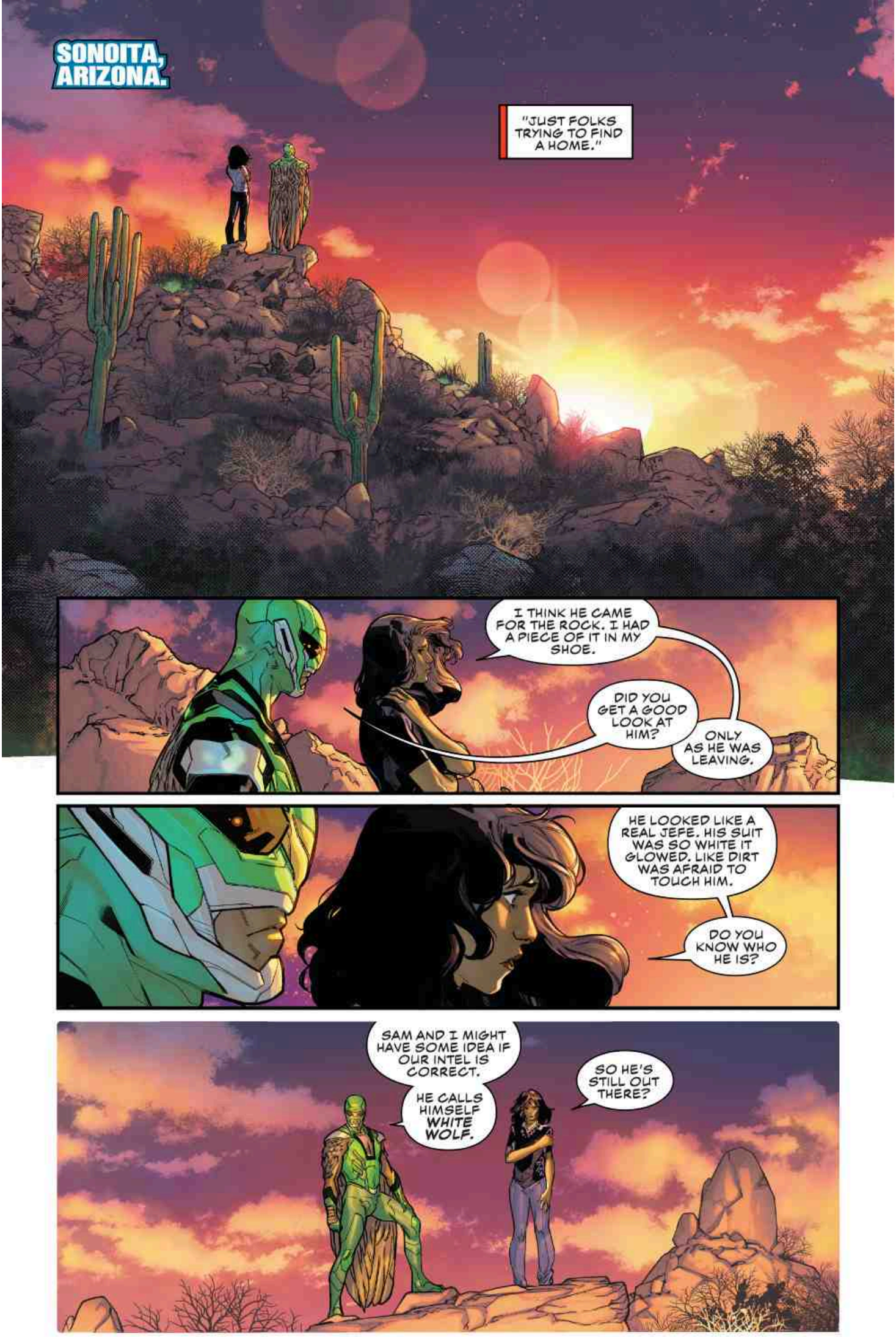

AS A RESULT OF THE ILLEGAL INCURSION CONDUCTED BY SAM WILSON, A.K.A. CAPTAIN AMERICA, REPRESENTING THE INTERESTS OF THE UNITED STATES, PRIME MINISTER FOLASADE HAS DECLARED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF WAKANDA WILL BE CEASING ANY AND ALL FURTHER IMMIGRATION BY AMERICANS INTO WAKANDA.
THE UNITED STATES GRANTS ITS HEROES FAR TOO MUCH LATITUDE. AND AS CAPTAIN AMERICA DOES NOT CLAIM TO HAVE BEEN ACTING ON HIS OWN, WE CAN AND WILL ONLY ASSUME HE HAD THE BACKING OF HIS GOVERNMENT IN THE LAUNCHING OF THIS COVERT OPERATION.
WITH IMMEDIATE EFFECT, THE GOVERNMENT OF WAKANDA SHALL CEASE THE PROCESSING OF ALL ASYLUM APPLICATIONS FROM AMERICAN CITIZENS.
THOSE RECENTLY AWARDED WAKANDAN CITIZENSHIP SHALL HEREBY HAVE THAT CITIZENSHIP REVOKED. YOU HAVE THIRTY DAYS TO LEAVE THIS COUNTRY.
OR FACE DEPORTATION.

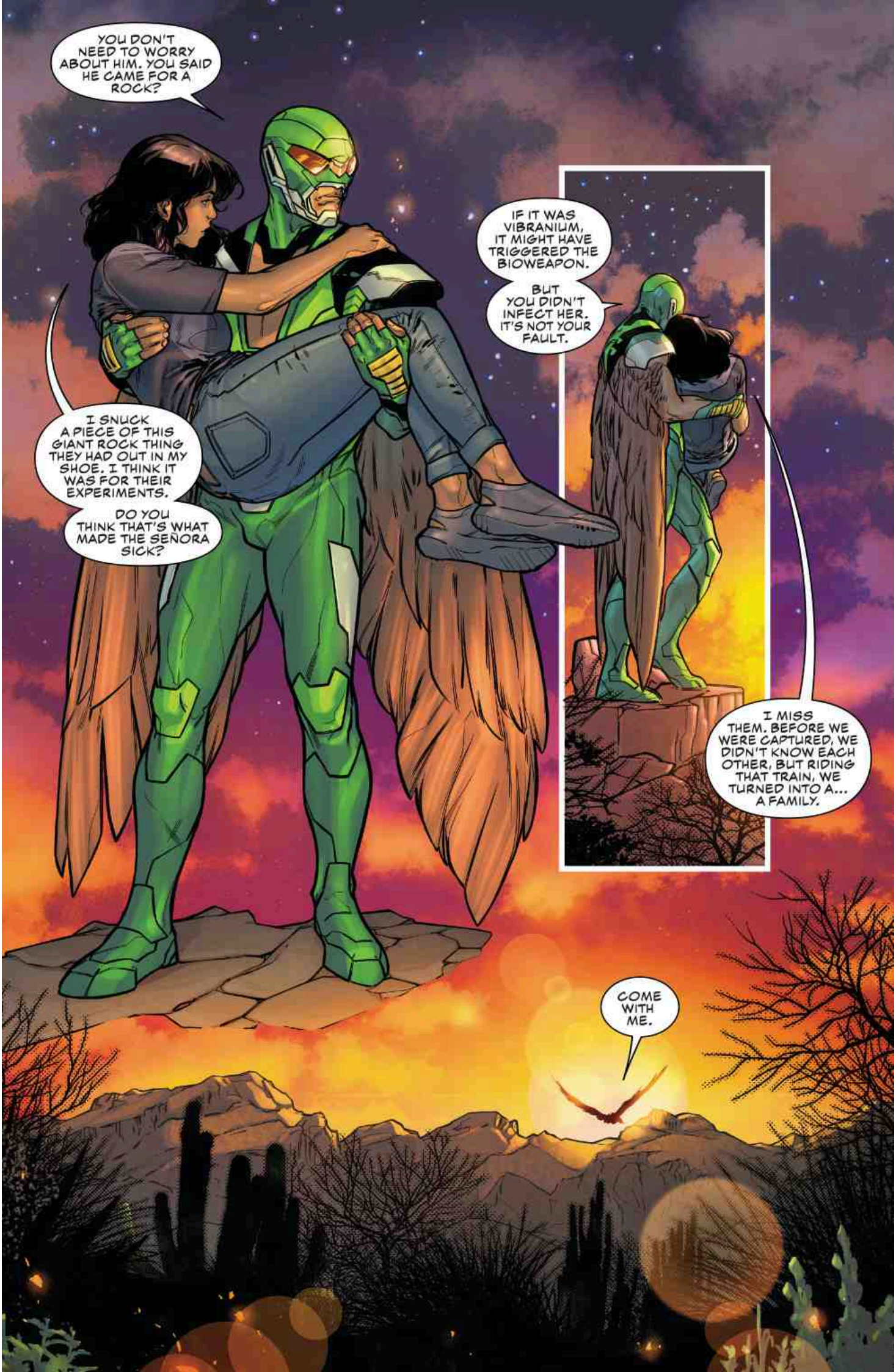
THOSE PEOPLE ARE *INNOCENT.* WHY ARE YOU PUNISHING THEM? YOUR BEEF IS WITH ME, NOT THEM.
AND YET CAPTAIN AMERICA IS SUPPOSED TO BE THE EXAMPLE AMERICANS FOLLOW. WAKANDA CAN ILL AFFORD MORE INSTABILITY.
DEPORTING THOSE PEOPLE ***WON'T*** MAKE WAKANDA ANY SAFER.
YOU ARE NOT QUALIFIED TO MAKE THAT ASSESSMENT.

COME ON, FALCON. YOU HEARD THE LADY. NOW THAT OUR "ILLEGAL INCURSION" SAVED THEIR COUNTRY AND OURS--

--WE'RE NO LONGER NEEDED.

HARLEM.
LATER.
YOU REALLY NOT GONNA HELP ME WITH THESE FRIES?
WE SAVED TWO COUNTRIES FROM COLLAPSE. AND WHAT HAPPENED? I GOT HUNDREDS--MAYBE THOUSANDS--OF REFUGEES KICKED OUTTA WHAT COULD'VE BEEN THEIR NEW HOME.
SAMUEL THOMAS WILSON. YOU DIDN'T DEPORT THOSE PEOPLE.
MAYBE WAKANDA ISN'T PARADISE.
MAYBE NOT.
MAYBE PARADISE IS SOMETHING WE CAN BUILD A LITTLE CLOSER TO HOME.
THANKS, MISTY.
WHAT WAS ON THAT TRAIN ANYWAY?


SONOITA, ARIZONA.
"JUST FOLKS TRYING TO FIND A HOME."
I THINK HE CAME FOR THE ROCK. I HAD A PIECE OF IT IN MY SHOE.
DID YOU GET A GOOD LOOK AT HIM?
ONLY AS HE WAS LEAVING.
HE LOOKED LIKE A REAL JEFE. HIS SUIT WAS SO WHITE IT GLOWED. LIKE DIRT WAS AFRAID TO TOUCH HIM.
DO YOU KNOW WHO HE IS?
SAM AND I MIGHT HAVE SOME IDEA IF OUR INTEL IS CORRECT.
HE CALLS HIMSELF WHITE WOLF.
SO HE'S STILL OUT THERE?


YOU DON'T NEED TO WORRY ABOUT HIM. YOU SAID HE CAME FOR A ROCK?
I SNUCK A PIECE OF THIS GIANT ROCK THING THEY HAD OUT IN MY SHOE. I THINK IT WAS FOR THEIR EXPERIMENTS.
DO YOU THINK THAT'S WHAT MADE THE SEÑORA SICK?
IF IT WAS VIBRANIUM, IT MIGHT HAVE TRIGGERED THE BIOWEAPON.
BUT YOU DIDN'T INFECT HER. IT'S NOT YOUR FAULT.
I MISS THEM. BEFORE WE WERE CAPTURED, WE DIDN'T KNOW EACH OTHER, BUT RIDING THAT TRAIN, WE TURNED INTO A... A FAMILY.
COME WITH ME.

I KNOW WHAT YOU MEAN ABOUT FAMILY. SAM RESCUED ME WHEN I WAS... WHEN I WAS DIFFERENT. BEFORE HE CAME FOR ME, WE WERE STRANGERS.
AND NOW?
WELL, HE CAN BE A BIT BRUSQUE. LIKES TO DO THINGS HIS OWN WAY. BUT HE COUNTS ON ME, YOU KNOW? HE LETS ME PULL MY OWN WEIGHT. AT THE SAME TIME, I KNOW HE'S ALWAYS GONNA BE THERE TO CATCH ME IF I'M FALLING.
AND MY WINGS STOP WORKING.
HE'S TURNED INTO SOMETHING LIKE A BIG BROTHER. SOMETHING LIKE FAMILY.
NIETO, ¿QUIÉN ES LA NIÑA BONITA?
ABUELA, MEET LUÍSA. LUÍSA, THIS IS MY ABUELA, MARIANA TORRES.
LUÍSA?!?!

PACO!!!
DIOS MÍO, YOU'RE ALIVE. I THOUGHT AFTER THE TRAIN THAT I'D LOST YOU.
THE OTHERS ARE INSIDE. DINNER IS ALMOST READY.
THE OTHERS? FROM THE TRAIN?
ABUELA, THANK YOU. THEY'VE HAD A HARD JOURNEY.
YOUR MOTHER WOULD HAVE BEEN PROUD OF YOU, JOAQUIN.
I WISH SHE COULD HAVE SEEN THIS.

HERE FOR ROUND TWO?

NO. I AM HERE TO SAY THAT I UNDERSTAND. WHAT THE WAKANDAN GOVERNMENT DID WAS REACTIONARY AND UNCALLED FOR. IT IS NOT WHAT I WOULD HAVE DONE.
BUT I NO LONGER HOLD THAT POWER.
I MEANT EVERYTHING I SAID EARLIER. ABOUT THE METEOR. ABOUT THE RESPONSIBILITY THAT COMES WITH THAT POWER.

WE BOTH WANT THE SAME THING. TO KEEP OUR HOMES SAFE. I AM PAYING FOR MY DECISIONS, AND YOU ARE PAYING FOR YOURS.
MAKE NO MISTAKE: YOU HAVE MY RESPECT, BUT WE ARE NOT FRIENDS. I WILL DO EVERYTHING TO PROTECT WAKANDA.
MY CLAWS WILL TEAR DOWN THE WORLD AROUND ME IF THAT'S WHAT IT TAKES.

I AM SORRY ABOUT YOUR PARENTS.

LOCATION UNKNOWN.
CRASH
HMM.
WHITE WOLF, THE MOHANNDAN PRIME MINISTER IS EN ROUTE. OUR FORCES ARE READY.
VERY GOOD. YOU MAY PROCEED.
IT WILL BE GOOD TO SMELL MOHANNDAN AIR ONCE AGAIN. TO SEE MY HOMELAND AT LAST. AND TO DESTROY CAPTAIN AMERICA'S.
NEXT: PAX MOHANNDA!

CAPTAIN AMERICA SYMBOL OF TRUTH

TRUTH TELLERS

Hello! I must say that I have never been the biggest Cap fan, but I picked up SYMBOL OF TRUTH because the cover caught my eye with Cap's suit looking phenomenal. Let me tell you that I was not disappointed because this first issue was enough to draw me into the Captain America scene and now I'm hooked. Can't wait to see where you all bring the character and can't wait for issue #2!

Dwayne

Dwayne, thank you so much for the vote of confidence! Captain America is not only a joy to write but an honor, and I hope I'm able to do both Sam and the readers justice!

Dear Team Cap,
"Be the change you want to see in the world." Sam Wilson has perfectly embodied this statement for virtually his entire comics career, and his second starring role as Cap in SYMBOL OF TRUTH #1 might be his finest hour to date. The Wakandan rally scene was an interesting look at where Sam lies morally, and the new Falcon's situation with his family on the train also lives up to the Cap tradition of not having easy answers to the contemporary issues facing the country, but still giving them enough fresh air to make the reader self-examine and find out what's really going on. That being said, I do question the likelihood of that situation even occurring in the first place. Comics run on coincidence, sure, but Falc's fam and a possibly illegal supply of Super-Soldier Serum both being transported on the same train? Maybe I've played too much *Among Us* and other impostor games lately, but that seems outrageously sus to me. Here's hoping Joaquin's family does indeed get fair treatment where they're going, at the very least.

And the new villain White Wolf seems to be aiming a bit high. Assuming he's involved with the train business on top of recruiting Crossbones and apparently ticking off someone in Doomstadt, that's quite a few low-key incidents that add up to one potentially major plan. He may not have done much yet, but he's done enough to color me intrigued.

Congrats on a worthwhile first outing--please keep it going next issue, and I'll see you for SENTINEL OF LIBERTY!

Sincerely,
Ben Kellogg

Ben, sometimes, when I read a story and see some coincidences stack up, I look for that person or persons in the shadows steepling their fingers and peering through light-glared glasses like Gendo Ikari at their plan unfolding. Your worries are not unfounded, but over the rest of this arc, we may see that "likelihood" is a thing that can be quite deftly engineered! Thanks for the kind words, and I do hope you stick along for the ride!

Great opener! Misty and Torres are back, love it. Sam kickin' butt, love it. Will Sam and Misty tie the knot? Will we see Sam's smarts on display at any time like in the animated series *Avengers Assemble?* All these questions and more! I guess I'll have to stay tuned--same Cap time, same Cap channel. I can't wait for issue #2!

Nic Bown

Nic, ooooh, how I wish I could tell you the plans I have for Sam (and for Misty!). All I ask is your patience, haha. But seriously, Sam is such an incredibly smart character, and he's got that intelligence that lives in your bones. Growing up in Harlem and doing the social work he did in his past has honed his instincts in ways that may not be the case for a ton of heroes. He's uniquely positioned to take on the challenges Team Cap is throwing at him. And it's going to be very interesting to see him come into greater and greater prominence.

Team Cap,
Just finished issue #1 and oh man--where to start?! This was such a great opening salvo for a Cap story that we definitely need right now. I've been a fan of Cap since the "Not My Captain America" run a few years back. I've always appreciated the balance Sam Wilson brings to the stars and stripes of fighting injustice and standing up for a country that doesn't always stand up for you. Tochi Onyebuchi and team nailed it in this first issue, and I can't wait to see what Crossbones and the White Wolf (!!!) have in store for our Symbol of Truth.

P.S. WE NEED MORE OF SAM AND MISTY KNIGHT! I ship them hard and I'm not afraid to say it!

With gratitude and respect,
James Davidson
Houston, TX

James! Thank you, thank you, thank you! We're really hitting the ground running with this story, and boy, oh boy, do we have some goodies for you in this arc! And never be afraid to ship Sam and Misty! I'm right there next to you, shipping them with my whole heart!

Sam Wilson is a great Captain America, and he deserves that shield. I'm a big Cap fan and an even bigger fan of America. This is still the country that takes the poor, the tired and huddled masses and gives them a chance, and I respect that. I love that Sam swoops down and bursts through doors shield first and delivers lines about values and equality like he should. His shield, by the way, looks so good. I love the wings on the star 'cause Captain America should have wings. He's an American eagle after all. But now you're telling me Deadpool will join the mix next issue? Come on, Marvel, I'm already buying these and you've already hooked me in, plus my birthday's already passed. I guess I'm just lucky, then. Thanks for making this. See you in #2 and in Steve's book. You got this.

Billy Goreski,
Glendale, AZ

Billy! Sam's such an incredible embodiment of the belief in and the struggle toward the American ideal of equality. He knows what it means to be among the tired and huddled masses. He also knows what it means to soar through the skies and bear the shield (what an incredible design, right?!). That blend, that conflict, is a big part of why this book is such a meaningful experience to be a part of. Thank you for joining us on this ride!

Tochi

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Still reeling from his conflict with Wakanda, Sam Wilson is called to the international stage once again to protect a visiting politician from the African nation of Mohannda. But the White Wolf has already put the second phase of his plan into motion, with dire consequences for both Sam's closest friends ... and Mohannda.

The world of Captain America expands in...

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